



APPROVED BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 9, 2012

Phoenix Day School for the Deaf

ASDB Phoenix Campus

7654 North 19th Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Board President Bernhardt Jones called the meeting and Public Hearing to order at approximately 4:20 p.m.

Members Present: Bernhardt Jones, Sherri Collins, G. Michael Williams (left meeting at 5:44 p.m.), Jodi Jerich, and Marvin Lamer

Members Present via Speakerphone: Clifford Rowley, Ray Mungaray, and Orlenda Roberts

Others Present: Superintendent Robert Hill

II. Public Hearing

A. Introductory Comments

Spoke to the Issue: Bernhardt Jones, Robert Hill, Jodi Jerich, Sherri Collins, Nancy Amann (Assistant Superintendent), and Faye West (Educational Consultant)

Discussion Highlights: The Public Hearing Notice was read in its entirety and the hearing procedures were reviewed. It was noted that this is the first of two Public Hearings on the Family Life Curriculum to receive parent, student, and community input prior to the Board taking any action to adopt the proposed curriculum.

The Arizona Department of Education has reviewed the Family Life curriculum for 7th through 12th grades for special education and has improved it in its entirety. The other levels of the curriculum have not been reviewed by the Arizona Department of Education. The Board, however, has the ability to exclude any lessons, part of lessons, videos and/or suggested supplemental materials upon final adoption. If or when the ASDB Board approves the Family Life Curriculum, it must still go to the Arizona Department of Education for final approval. It is the responsibility of ASDB's committee and the ASDB Board of Directors to ensure that the curriculum meets state laws.

Parents must sign permissions prior to the students being taught. If a parent does not want their child to participate in the program, an alternative class will be provided to that student during the Family Life Curriculum instructional time.

- B. Public Hearing pursuant to Arizona Administrative Code (A.A.C.) R7-2-303. Opportunity for public input on ASDB's proposed Family Life Education (Sex Education) Curriculum prior to consideration/adoption of such curriculum by the Board.

Public Comment:

Melody Nerhood, parent of 2nd grade D/HH daughter, expressed concern that some areas of the curriculum were inappropriate for her daughter and may not be in line with their family's depiction of a family unit. Also stated that some of the videos used were not suitable.

Lisa Svenningsen, PDSD Principal, expressed her support for the curriculum, relayed some of the comments students have made regarding the curriculum, and indicated there is a rubric of PDSD parent feedback and comments when the curriculum was initially reviewed by parents.

Debra Detwiler-Jones, speaking as a counselor and mother, stated that she is in favor of this curriculum especially for 4th to 6th grades. Children are maturing at an earlier age and the social media is their influence. She stressed the importance that students have the opportunity to be presented with appropriate age-level curriculum. She asked that the school administrators as well as the parents carefully consider this curriculum for adoption.

It was moved by Jodi Jerich, seconded by Ray Mungaray, and unanimously carried that the Board of Directors adjourn the Public Hearing with the understanding that additional speakers will be permitted to speak if they arrive before the end of the meeting.

At approximately 5:10 p.m. The Public Hearing was adjourned and Board President Bernhardt Jones resumed the public meeting.

III. Election of Board Officers

It was moved by Michael Williams, seconded by Ray Mungaray, and unanimously carried that the Board of Directors nominate and reelect Bernhardt Jones as Board President.

It was moved by Orlenda Roberts, seconded by Ray Mungaray, and unanimously carried that the Board of Directors nominate and reelect Sherri Collins as Secretary/Treasurer.

Spoke to the Issue: Bernhardt Jones, Sherri Collins

Discussion Highlights: Bernhardt Jones expressed he would like to continue as Board President. Sherri Collins expressed she would like to continue as Secretary/Treasurer.

IV. Public Comment on Agenda Items**

None.

V. Business Agenda Items

- A. Establishment of Superintendent Performance Evaluation Goals and Objectives for Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action

It was moved by Marv Lamer, seconded by Michael Williams, and unanimously carried that Bernhardt Jones, President of the ASDB Board of Directors appoint Clifford Rowley, Sherri Collins and Orlenda Roberts to a Board subcommittee (to include the Superintendent), and appoint Orlenda Roberts to act as chairperson. The charge of the subcommittee is to develop performance objectives and measurement criterion for Superintendent Performance Objectives, and to provide a recommendation to the full Board at the April 2012 Board meeting.

Spoke to the Issue: Bernhardt Jones, Marv Lamer, Sherri Collins, Orlenda Roberts, and Mike Williams.

Discussion Highlights: Subcommittee compliance with open meeting laws, process for the establishment of advisory committees.

- B. Second Reading of Policy JFABD, Admission of Homeless Students, for Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action

It was moved by Orlenda Roberts, seconded by Ray Mungaray, and unanimously carried that the Board of Directors rescind Policy JFABD, dated December 7, 2006, and adopt revised Policy JFABD effective this date as recommended by the Superintendent.

Spoke to the Issue: Bernhardt Jones, Orlenda Roberts, Robert Hill

Discussion Highlights: Purpose of policy, consistent with other school district policies, and educating students and staff in the new policy.

- C. Scheduling of Public Hearing in Tucson for the Purpose of Receiving Public Input Prior to Adopting ASDB's Family Life Education (Sex Education) Curriculum

It was moved by Bernhardt Jones, seconded by Michael Williams, and unanimously carried that the Board of Directors schedule a public hearing in Tucson for the purpose of receiving public input on the recommended Family Life Education (Sex Education) Curriculum to be held during the Thursday, April 12, 2012 Board meeting in Tucson for no more than two hours from 4:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m., with the understanding that the hearing may be less than two hours if all persons wishing to speak have been heard.

Spoke to the Issue: Bernhardt Jones, Marv Lamer

Discussion Highlights: Marv Lamer will not be available on the date of hearing.

VI. Consent Agenda for Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action

- A. Approval of December 8, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval of Contracts and/or Agreements with The STAR School, Ash Fork Joint Unified School District, Colorado City Unified School District, Humboldt Unified School District, Peach Springs Unified School District, Arizona Rose Theatre Co., Mascioli Entertainment Corp., The Invisible Theatre, United Way, Sons of Orpheus, Sorenson Communications, Arizona Rose Theatre Co., Rhythm and Roots, Rhythm and Roots, Stories that Soar, American Theatre Arts for Youth, Inc., Special Olympics
- C. Approval of Donations from Donald & Kathryn Jorgensen, The Lewis & Ruth Hare Trust, Tucson Sunrise Lion's Club, Helen Kolkey Endowment Fund of the Jewish Community Foundation of Southern Arizona, Landsburg Foundation

It was moved by Cliff Rowley, seconded by Michael Williams, and unanimously carried that the Board of Directors approve Consent Agenda items A, B and C.

VII. Superintendent's Report/Summary of Current Events

Robert Hill and Nancy Amann provided a summary of current events noting the ongoing Sunset Audit; the ongoing events of the 100 Year Celebration; upcoming events, i.e., Frontier Days, Berg Seeger Track Tournament, Academic Bowl, Jr. Blind Olympics; ASDB student successes in the Western States Basketball Competition that was held last month in California. Dr. T. Alan Hurwitz, President of Gallaudet University, will be the graduation speaker at the Phoenix Day School for the Deaf on May 23rd and at the Arizona School for the Deaf, Tucson Campus, on May 24th. Dr. Tuck Tinsley III, President of American Printing House, will be the guest speaker at the Arizona School for the Blind, Tucson Campus graduation on May 24th.

A. Student Enrollment Update.

Spoke to the issue: Bern Jones, Robert Hill, Nancy Amann, Sherri Collins

Discussion Highlights: Enrollment growth, reasons for the growth, and resources necessary to support increased enrollment; working with ADOE in educating school districts about ASDB services; tracking of students including where students are coming from, the average age of students coming in, and academic levels.

B. Financial Update.

Robert Hill noted that JLBC and OSPB budget recommendations were received that included a recommended reduction. The Board will be kept apprised of outcome.

D. FY 2012 Second Quarter Personnel Transaction and Turnover Reports.

Robert Hill noted the reports.

VIII. Adjournment

It was moved by Sherri Collins, seconded by Mr. Lamer, and unanimously carried that the Board of Directors adjourn the meeting.

The Meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:47 p.m.